

the Stillwater Area Community Center in Stillwater, New York. The Community Center's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Stillwater community.

The Community Center offers programs and activities for children and adults of all ages, which include recreational and physical activities in their popular and well-used gym. Through their before and after school programs, summer swim lessons and transportation options, the Center provides a safe place for all to gather, even during disasters, when it serves as an emergency shelter. The Center is also utilized as a location for public forums, enabling Stillwater residents to be active and informed citizens.

To celebrate their years of service to the community, the Center's 25th Anniversary Open House will be an opportunity for Stillwater residents to participate in a wide range of activities. Since the Center is home to the village and town historians, residents will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Stillwater and the growth of the Community Center over the past 25 years.

Congratulations to the Stillwater Area Community Center as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. I want to wish the Center and the Village of Stillwater continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT BONNY WILLIAMS, USAF, RETIRED

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Technical Sergeant Bonny Emanuel Williams, USAF, Retired.

Bonny Williams began his military service in 1955 in the United States Air Force as a Logistics Plan Clerk. During his time in the Air Force, Mr. Williams served all over the world on various military assignments. In 1975, after twenty years of exemplary service to our nation, Mr. Williams retired from the Air Force.

After his retirement, Mr. Williams attended City University of Seattle and earned a Bachelor of Science in business management under the Post Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program. Mr. Williams was also active in his community and worked tirelessly to serve the veteran's community. He was involved with the American Legion and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post for 44 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the life of Technical Sergeant Bonny Emanuel Williams, USAF, Retired and his service to his country and community. His accomplishments and contributions will never be forgotten, and he will be greatly missed.

COMMEMORATING SADDLEBACK COLLEGE ON ITS SCIENCES BUILDING

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representa-

tive DARRELL ISSA, I congratulate Saddleback College on its new Sciences Building, a 52,897 square foot state-of-the-art facility designed to encourage research and innovation.

Under the leadership of Dr. Tod A. Burnett, 23 full-time faculty, 41 part-time faculty, and 11 staff members will support Saddleback's science programs, which include a record enrollment of more than 3,000 students this year.

The building's lobby features an Albert Einstein quote: "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them." This exemplifies the innovative approach to learning the building will facilitate.

A well-educated, well-trained workforce is essential to keeping the United States competitive on a global stage. Saddleback College's new facility will serve Californians well as the need for employees educated in the STEM fields continues to grow.

We congratulate Saddleback College on its new Sciences Building, and we look forward to seeing its students' contributions to the community.

HONORING BETHEL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES OF JESUS CHRIST CELEBRATING ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethel Association of United Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ celebrating its 200th anniversary.

A group of settlers to the Missouri Territory organized the first Baptist Church west of the Mississippi on July 19, 1806 near what is now Jackson, Missouri. Ten years later, six churches came together to form the Bethel Association. In 1834, at Pendleton Church in St. Francois County, the Bethel Association accepted the term "United Baptist." The organization has continued to meet every year since its founding—except during the four years of the Civil War. The Bethel Association has established 87 churches throughout Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas and there have been 250 ordained ministers in the organization to date.

The Bethel Association today is made up of 11 churches and approximately 850 members in the Missouri counties of St. Francois, Madison, Ste. Genevieve, Wayne, Crawford and Iron.

For 200 years of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is my privilege to recognize the Bethel Association of United Baptist Churches today before the United States House of Representatives.

OVERLOOKING AL-QAEDA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, back in 2012, the President told the American people that al-Qaeda was "decimated." Two years later, the President touted U.S. success in "taking out terrorists who threaten us" in

places like Somalia and Yemen, both countries with strong and active al-Qaeda branches. Look at those countries now: Somalia's al-Shabaab continues its terror campaign against Somali and AMISOM troops, and Yemen's rebel conflict has breathed new life into al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

The problem with this Administration's assertions of success is that they fundamentally misunderstood al-Qaeda's strategy in light of the loud-mouthed tactics of its terrorist spinoff, ISIS. The two terrorist organizations seek the same end goal: the establishment of an Islamic state where only their strict interpretation of Islamic law is tolerated. However, ISIS and al-Qaeda disagree on the means to reach that end. Al-Qaeda's leaders and ideologues, including Osama bin Laden, have always advocated playing the long game: embedding itself in local populations, building relationships, and even allying with enemies and rivals in order to achieve their goals. Winning over the hearts and minds of local Muslim populations has always been the priority for al-Qaeda. ISIS, on the other hand, believes that the establishment of the caliphate is the supreme priority, judging that force—instead of persuasion—can garner the loyalty of local communities.

While ISIS was busy conquering vast swaths of land in Syria and Iraq, al-Qaeda was not simply sitting back and watching dejectedly. It was entrenching itself throughout the Middle East, in Yemen, Syria, Libya and Tunisia. Al-Qaeda leaders, while fundamentally disagreeing with ISIS' establishment of a caliphate on Islamic legal grounds, also criticized what they saw as ISIS overstretching its resources. They were busy readying the grounds for ISIS' inevitable collapse and al-Qaeda's return to the spotlight. Unfortunately, the Administration misunderstands this. While focusing all of our attention on ISIS, we have overlooked al-Qaeda and dismissed it as defeated. This is exactly what al-Qaeda wants: the breathing room to grow stronger along with the optics of appearing more moderate to its extremist Muslim base than ISIS. Once ISIS loses all its territory in Iraq and Syria, as well as its fast shrinking base in Libya, it will be left with nothing but a band of sympathizers and a radical ideology. Al-Qaeda however will have developed deep ties to local communities throughout the region, strengthened its operational capabilities, and emerge more dangerous than ever.

Success against ISIS should only be judged in the context of the global war on terror. Partial success in one battlefield and total failure in another will not be enough to ensure the security of our homeland. We must go after al-Qaeda now more than ever before it is too late.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Morgan County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Friday, September 23, 2016.